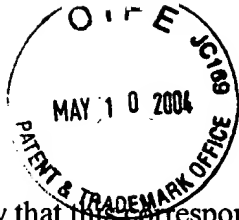
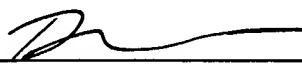


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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated April 7, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II (claims 8-13, 15, 20-29 and 36-39), with traverse.

Under this restriction, the Examiner asserts that the Pearse *et al.* (1993) reference discloses the corresponding technical features of the claims. Applicants respectfully assert that the Pearse *et al.* reference does not teach or suggest the technical features of Applicants' claimed invention. In particular, the Pearse *et al.* reference does not teach or suggest an oligonucleotide wherein a STAT transcription factor of a cell binds to the oligonucleotide. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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